

## Department of Veterans Affairs

## § 3.503

first month in which the veteran's estate exceeds \$25,000, but not earlier than November 1, 1990.

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 5505)

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### § 3.502 Surviving spouses.

The effective date of discontinuance of pension, compensation, or dependency and indemnity compensation to or for a surviving spouse will be the earliest of the dates stated in this section. Where an award is reduced, the reduced rate will be payable the day following the date of discontinuance of the greater benefit.

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 501)

(a) *Additional allowance of dependency and indemnity compensation for children* (38 U.S.C. 5112(b) § 3.5(e)(3)). (1) If marriage occurred prior to October 1, 1982, the day preceding child's 18th birthday or last day of calendar year in which child's marriage occurred (see § 3.500(n) (2) and (3)), whichever is earlier.

(2) If marriage occurred on or after October 1, 1982, the day preceding child's 18th birthday or last day of the month in which marriage occurred (see § 3.500(n) (2) and (3)) whichever is earlier.

(b) *Pay grade; dependency and indemnity compensation* (38 U.S.C. 1311(a), 5112(b)(10); *Pub. L. 91-96, 83 Stat. 144*). Date of last payment when rate is reduced because of new certification of pay grade.

(c) *Legal surviving spouse entitled*. Date of last payment on award to another person as surviving spouse. See § 3.657.

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 501)

(d) *Marriage*. See § 3.500(n).

(e) *Aid and attendance* (§ 3.351(a)). (1) Date of last payment, if need for aid and attendance has ceased.

(2) If hospitalized at Department of Veterans Affairs expense as a veteran, the date specified in § 3.552(b) (1) or (3).

(f) *Medicaid-covered nursing home care* (§ 3.551(i)). (1) Last day of the calendar month in which Medicaid payments begin, last day of the month following 60 days after issuance of a prereduction notice required under § 3.103(b)(2), or the earliest date on which payment may be reduced without creating an overpayment, whichever date is later; or

(2) If the surviving spouse willfully conceals information necessary to make the reduction, the last day of the month in which that willful concealment occurred.

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### § 3.503 Children.

(a) The effective date of discontinuance of pension, compensation, or dependency and indemnity compensation to or for a child, or to or for a veteran or surviving spouse on behalf of such child, will be the earliest of the dates stated in this section. Where an award is reduced, the reduced rate will be payable the day following the date of discontinuance of the greater benefit.

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 501)

(1) *Age 18 (or 23)* (38 U.S.C. 5112(a); § 3.57). Day before 18th (or 23d birthday).

(2) *Enters service*. Date of last payment of apportioned disability benefits for child not in custody of estranged spouse. Full rate payable to veteran. No change where payments are being made for the child to the veteran, his (her) estranged spouse, his (her) surviving spouse, or to the fiduciary of a child not in the surviving spouse's custody.

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 501)

(3) *Permanently incapable of selfsupport* (38 U.S.C. 5112(a), (b)(6); *Pub. L. 87-825; §§ 3.57, 3.950*)—(i) *Pension*. Date of last payment.

(ii) *Compensation or dependency and indemnity compensation*. Last day of